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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

PERSON FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM MCCLINTOCK

1. RE MY RECENT TELCON WITH FRANK DEVINE, I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF VENEZUELA WILL BE ABSENT FROM CARACAS ON SOME OF THE DATES WHICH MAY COINCIDE WITH YOUR CONTEMPLATED VISIT HERE.

2. PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ WILL GO TO ALGIERS AND REMAIN THERE BETWEEN MARCH 3 AND 7, RETURNING TO CARACAS ON MARCH 8. HE PLANS TO FLY TO MEXICO ON A STATE VISIT MARCH 18 AND RETURN HERE MARCH 21. THIS CONFLICTS SLIGHTLY WITH PRESS REPORTS PUBLISHED HERE TODAY QUOTING COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ MICHELSEN THAT HE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ OF VENEZUELA AND THE PRESIDENTS OF COSTA RICA AND PANAMA IN PANAMA MARCH 23.

3. I ONLY PERSONALLY REGRET WE SHALL PROBABLY NOT BE HERE WHEN YOU COME THROUGH CARACAS. I HAVE INSTRUCTED THE SERVANTS TO PUT YOU UP AT THE RESIDENCE EVEN THOUGH, AFTER OUR DEPARTURE, IT WILL LOOK SOMEWHAT ANTI-CYCLONIC. REGARDS.
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